

2026 Hickory Motor Speedway Late Model Stock Car Playoffs

Overview

- Total # of Regular Season Events/ Weekends will be 13. The regular season event weekends will run from March 1st until the regular season finale on August 13th.
- Post Season Playoff Eligibility
 - Drivers must compete in at least 8 of the 13 regular season event weekends from March 1st to August 13th to be eligible for playoffs
 - There will be no limit to the # of drivers allowed in the **4-race end of season** playoff as long as they have competed in 8 of 13 regular season event weekends
 - Rainouts (if any) will not offset the total number of events to be completed), the number or required events for eligibility will still remain 8 (In the event of multiple rainouts, without an opportunity to make them up, the speedway reserves the right to amend this if necessary)

Regular Season Points/Champion

- During the first 13 events, the regular season champion will be determined by total number of points scored with the following points system, the same points system that HMS has used over the last several years.

Regular Season Points	
Finishing Position	Pts
1	50
2	48
3	46
4	44
5	42
6	40
7	38
8	36
9	34
10	32
11	30
12	28
13	26
14	24
15	22
16	20
17	18
18	16
19	14
20	12
21	10
22	8
23	6
24	4
25	2

Bonus Money based on the regular season points finishing order:

Position	Payout
1st	\$ 1,000.00
2nd	\$ 500.00
3rd	\$ 250.00

Playoff Seeding

- Playoff Seeding will be determined by the following order:
 - Total Points Scored in the 13 regular season events for eligible drivers that have competed on at least 8 of the 13 weekends
 - Reseeding will be based on traditional regular season points, with win & pole bonus points to be added to the Championship Playoff Points (see below bullet points for win & pole bonus points)
- Any regular season race win will add a +2 Point bonus to your **playoff seeding total** after the end of the regular season
- Any regular season race pole will add a +1 Point bonus to your **playoff seeding total** after the end of the regular season (bonus points will not be issued for pole positions after the invert)
- Last 4 races will be ran “straight up” with the same regular season points system **in addition** to win and pole bonus points.
- Championship Re-Seeding Points will be as follows:

Championship Reset Seeding	
Position	Points
1st	100
2nd	95
3rd	90
4th	85
5th	80
6th	75
7th	75
8th	75
9th	75
10th	75
11th	75
12th	75

Track Championship and Money based on the playoff points and results:

Position	Payout
1st	\$ 2,000.00
2nd	\$ 1,000.00
3rd	\$ 500.00

NASCAR monies will be in addition to Hickory Motor Speedway Track Championship payouts.

Note: As with any new system Hickory Motor Speedway has the discretion to evaluate and make subtle changes if necessary. All parties will be included if any change is necessary.

Example

- Championship Re-Seeding Point Example with win and pole bonus points for regular season. Based on 13 regular season events, with twins, etc.

Championship Reset Seeding							
Position	Points	Regular Season Points Standing	Wins	Win Bonus Pts	Poles	Pole Bonus Pts	Starting Playoff Points
1st	100	1st	2	4	2	2	106
2nd	95	2nd	1	2	3	3	100
3rd	90	3rd	2	4	4	4	98
4th	85	4th	4	8	2	2	95
5th	80	5th	2	4	0	0	84
6th	75	6th	4	8	1	1	84
7th	75	7th	2	4	1	1	80
8th	75	8th	0	0	1	1	76
9th	75	9th	0	0	2	2	77
10th	75	10th	1	2	3	3	80
11th	75	11th	3	6	2	2	83
12th	75	12th	2	4	2	2	81
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- This is just an **EXAMPLE** for the understanding of the new Hickory Motor Speedway Track Championship points system. The four playoff races with points will be completed after the regular season reseeded.
- Cars must run the minimum of 8 events and the 4 playoff races to be eligible for The Hickory Motor Speedway Championship and payout.
- NASCAR National and State points will remain in the NASCAR System.